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RE: **Docket No. 97N-484S**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

These comments are in reference to the use of bone allograft. As an orthopaedic clinician, I have used allograft bone since the late 1970s. There is documentation in the peer review literature documenting the safety of these grafts.

I am satisfied with the current bone banking regulations. This graft material is an integral part of day to day orthopaedic surgery. With a 20+ year history, I think the track record speaks for itself.

Sincerely,

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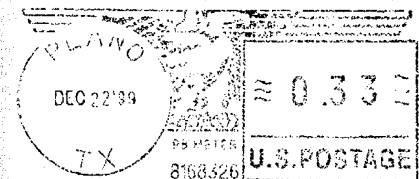
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